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Reliable American source refinery marine division reports consortium wishes draw from tanks Khosrowabad all remaining crude left there since nationalization total almost complete load T2 tanker to be processed through Abadan refinery. Approval load tanker Khosrowabad obtained from Ahmad Saad Iraqi assistant Port Officer Al Wasaliyeh with concurrence Basra Port Authority providing Iraqi pilots, harbor master used. Pan American NOIC consulted and has agreed. Date loading not yet determined.

Comment: Had thought bare possibility Ahmad Saad approach via Dosky (Consulate airgram G-4 Department, G-3 Tehran) could have been indication Iraqi willingness reconsider, possibly negotiate Khosrowabad issue. Know Iraqi approval load tanker Khosrowabad would seem point same direction. Permission load tanker certainly not consistent their earlier argument berthing ships as small as Pan American's LSM hazard to safety navigation Shatt Al-Arab.

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